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REMARKS

1.                                  a general, other than the division commander,                                  inspected troops engaged in basic infantry training along the Jamlitz-Leeskow road in the Lieberose (N 52/A 49) training area. The general allegedly also inspected weapons and equipment at the troop training grounds.
2. In early October, unit Klimovski from the Horn Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder bivouacked on the Brand (a burnt over area near Frankfurt/Oder). The unit numbered about 500 troops. About 30 motor vehicles were observed with its headquarters. The tanks of the unit practiced on the terrain. The bivouacking troops were supplied with electric current by their own generators. The troops were engaged in combat training with gas masks and machine gun firing at miniature aircraft.
3.                                  obstacle courses at the training fields near Tauer and Pinnow in accordance with a sketch in a Soviet service manual. In addition, a target village for artillery firing practice was to be erected, and 400 meters of narrow-gauge railroad tracks were to be laid for moving dummy tanks. However, the 6,000-meter rope required for moving the dummy tank could not be procured. A total of 20,000 eastmarks had been appropriated for these projects which were scheduled for completion by 15 October, but could not be finished in time.
4.                                  a unit of two elements, with 20 vehicles each, was seen leaving for a field exercise via Staaken and Lieberose. Eight 57-mm AT guns, 5 artillery pieces of about 80-mm, 1 field kitchen and 1 radio truck were observed with the unit.
5. About half of the 100 Russian women who arrived at Lieberose prior to early October wore uniforms. One of these women said that some of them had been compulsorily drafted from their places of work and shipped away without being able to send word to their families. \*

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25X1A \* [redacted] Comment. The general, who made the inspection, drove a vehicle of the 25th Tank Div. The obstacle course to be constructed at the Lieberose troop training grounds was for infantry training. For a sketch of such an obstacle course, see Annex. No other substantial changes are indicated since a previous report. [redacted] 25X1

25X1A [redacted]. The vehicle [redacted] belong to the 7th Gds Recz Div. Klimovski, (fnu), was previously identified [redacted] 25X1

25X1A as a lieutenant colonel in the Horn Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder. However, since Colonel Kazantzev, (fnu), has been known as the commanding officer of the 34th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 7th Gds Recz Div in the Horn Kaserne since 1950, it is possible that Klimovski is either the commanding officer of a component of the regiment or regimental supply officer. The unit mentioned in the present report as bivouacking on the Brand may have been this regiment.

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